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Table Eggs

World egg production reached 57,861,746 metric tons in 2004, up 3% from the previous year (56,236,075 MT). In the U.S., high producer returns in late 2003 resulted in a rapid increase in the U.S. layer flock in 2003-2004. Table egg production in the U.S. reached a record high of 6,365 million dozen, 2.2% over 2003. Table egg production in the U.S. is expected to increase to about 6,456 million eggs, nearly 1.6 % over 2004. Bans on U.S. poultry and eggs due to avian influenza outbreaks reduced U.S. table egg exports to some markets. However, when the EU experienced an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza early in 2003, millions of birds were culled and exports of U.S. table eggs to the EU surged 475%. Once the EU layer flock had recovered, U.S. table egg exports to the EU plummeted.

U.S. Table Egg Exports to Selected Countries (in thousand dozens)

	January-December			Jan-Feb	
	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005
EU	1,109	6,372	0	0	0
Canada	17,488	14,772	37,952	749	4,037
Japan	1,805	36	0	0	74
Mexico	1,109	400	48	6	40

Exports to Canada surged in 2004 after avian influenza was detected in British Columbia. Millions of birds were culled and the resulting shortage of table eggs led to a huge increase of table eggs from the U.S.

U.S. Table Egg Exports, in thousands quantity in dozens, value in USD

Year	January-February		
	Quantity	Value	\$/Dz
2005	9,011	6,481	0.719
2004	2,083	1,932	0.928

January-December

2004	56,415	39,870	0.733
2003	40,483	26,536	0.655
2002	48,088	30,411	0.632
2001	51,167	31,365	0.613

* January-February

U.S. table egg exports fell 8% in 2002 and 16% in 2003 before increasing 39% in 2004 due to a strong demand from Canada. U.S. egg exports are especially sensitive to supply shifts because only 2% of U.S. egg production enters the export market.

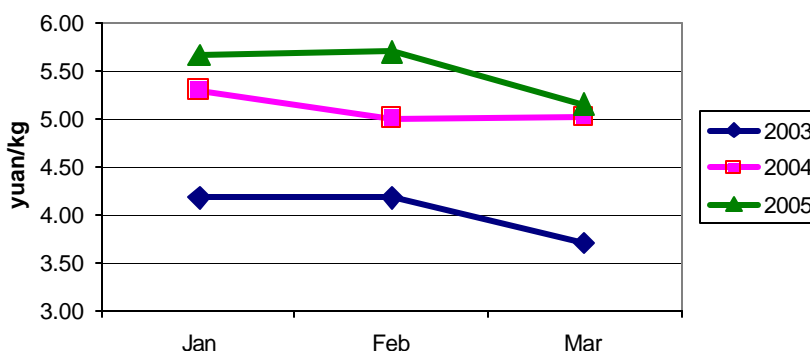
Source: USDA /FAS U.S. Trade Statistics, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Economic Research Services; United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization; International Egg Commission

Bird Flu Outbreak in North Korea Contained

The recent outbreak of avian influenza in North Korea (DPRK) has been successfully contained, according to a statement released on April 25, 2005 by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. An H7 strain of the bird flu virus, detected on three poultry farms near the capital Pyongyang, led to the culling of around 218,000 infected chickens. Birds in unaffected poultry houses were vaccinated. The H7 virus caused severe disease in chickens, but is not directly related to the H5N1 avian influenza virus circulating in other parts of Asia.

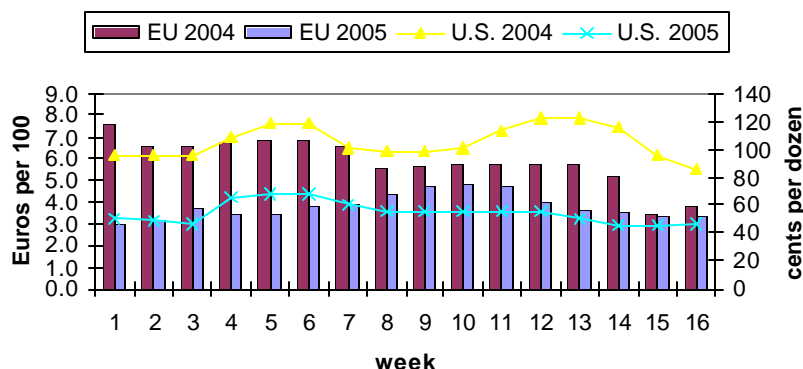
Source: UN Food and Agriculture Organization

China: Shell Egg Prices, Beijing Market



Source: China Ministry of Agriculture

EU and U.S. Egg Prices



EU - loose graded large white eggs, per 100

U.S. - Northeast Region cartoned large white eggs, per dozen

Source: USDA/AMS,

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection**

W/E 16-Apr-05 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	352	196	3,704	2,362
Frozen	21	0	21	0
Dried	25	0	107	187
Total	398	196	3,832	2,549

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending April 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	68	29	2,144	1,206
Frozen	8	45	324	596
Dried	16	149	316	1,051
Total	92	223	2,784	2,853

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending April 16, 2005		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	0	33	50
Extra Large	202	1,200	8,352	6,960
Large	2,743	1,310	22,793	14,913
Medium	1,920	2,670	18,135	15,540
Ungraded	6,480	9,123	24,500	37,617
Misc	0	270	2,263	7,040
Total	11,345	14,573	76,076	82,120

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,687	1,411	3,098
Last Week	1,740	1,314	3,054
Same week yr ago	1,464	1,287	2,751
To-date/2005	22,729	19,823	42,552
To-date/2004	19,334	18,970	38,304

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	215	7	222
Last Week	362	0	362
Same week yr ago	341	9	350
To-date/2005	4,423	18	4,441
To-date/2004	3,689	48	3,737

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,902	1,418	3,320
Last Week	2,102	1,314	3,416
Same week yr ago	1,805	1,296	3,101
To-date/2005	27,152	19,841	46,993
To-date/2004	23,023	19,018	42,041

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Apr 22, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----		
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	27.00-29.00	17.00-24.00	1,342,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	28.20	20.16		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Apr 22, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----		
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	27.00	28.00	212,000	52,000
WTD AVERAGE	27.00	28.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	20.50-30.50	20.00-28.00	1,924,000	1,404,000
WTD AVERAGE	25.76	24.54		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	20.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 APRIL 2005.

The market tone improved on fresh tom breast meat steady to fully steady in partial response due to the improved further processed demand because of the improved weather in the East, balance of fresh white meat mostly steady with breast trim in the strongest hands. The market tone on frozen tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim was steady to fully steady; scapula steady at best, frozen wing meat with skin steady to barely steady. Demand moderate to good on breast trim and fresh tom breast meat, balance very light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat better balanced in response to the improved demand, fresh destrapped tenderloins adequate to instances fully adequate; breast trim, frozen tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins held with confidence; scapula adequate to instances fully adequate; wing meat with skin adequate on fresh to instances ample on frozen. The market tone on thigh meat was steady on fresh, steady to barely steady on frozen. Demand on thigh meat light to moderate with fresh the most active. Offerings of fresh thigh meat light to adequate, frozen light to fully adequate. Domestic trading was moderately heavy on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to moderate. Export trading was moderate on tom drums, balance slow. For domestic: plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts 92 delivered June-August, plant grade non-basted 18-20 lb. breasts 130, hearts 24, fresh scapula 119-127, fresh breast trim 148, tom hand defatted gizzards 59, frozen 2-10 lb. -85% lean ground turkey 56 cents delivered. Livers traded at 19 cents shipping point for export.

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-42.00		40.89	468	40.71	644
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-26.50		25.51	236	25.51	2180
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	44.00		44.00	104	44.00	104
TAILS		F	26.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	35.25	80	34.76	132
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00-90.00		86.90	248	86.45	512

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-42.00		40.23	176
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-28.00		25.57	1,840
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	54
TAILS		F	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	35.25		35.25	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	83.00		83.00	104

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	43.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	24.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	54
TAILS		F	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	34.00		34.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	88.00	160

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	43.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.50		24.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	54
TAILS		F	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	33.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	88.00	160

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	43.00	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	40.00	54
TAILS		F	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	33.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.00		88.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.